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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady except in the Northeast where smaller sizes were no better than steady and larger sizes were steady to fully steady. Demand was slow to moderate with retail features and fast food receiving most interest. Supplies were irregular in the East, but elsewhere availability was more than sufficient. In the parts structure, although features were reported, buying interest was light to moderate to minimize inventories in preparation for seasonal needs. All items were adequate to fully adequate with wings in the shortest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.50 cents last year on the 3rd, November 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	134.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	73.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 10/28/00	2000	1999
EGGS SET	160,081	169,328
CHICKS PLACED	138,449	133,415
	-05	+04

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 160 million eggs during the week ending October 28, 2000. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 138 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 28, 2000. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through October 28, 2000, were 6.23 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 9-Dec-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 144.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 142.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 143.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.62 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone steady. Offerings adequate overall for an only moderate buyer's interest. Retail demand moderate to good, best to cover features. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was barely steady on boneless breasts with balance of parts about steady.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was unaggressive to fair with limited trading and very little optimism for first of the month business. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, availability of breast items was irregular with boneless skinless still fully sufficient, but better balanced in some areas. Wings were no more than adequate and moving, and dark meat was usually sufficient with light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of additional product adequate or available. Fill in trading in Chicago noted at 53 cents on Wogs. Retail movement was generally light overall, occasionally moderate with features stimulating mixed shopper interest. Retail features noted in the Chicago area on whole birds at 59, 78 and 88 cents, split breasts at 99 cents and boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.77; in the St. Louis area, features noted on split breasts at 99 cents and boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.89, \$1.99 and \$2.99; in the Michigan area, features reported on boneless/skinless breasts \$1.69 and \$1.79. Food service demand was light to moderate and best into fast food outlets. Floor stocks balanced to heavy, sizes desirable. Parts trading was mostly inactive with wings clearing best. Offerings were sufficient on all items with wings in the shortest position and boneless/skinless breasts in the longest position. Trade sentiment was steady to weak on boneless/skinless breasts and tenders, and steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued fair to moderate at best. Offerings of the 2.5 pound birds were usually available, and the 4 pound sizes were more than sufficient. However, the 3 to 3.5 pound birds were in a more balanced to closely cleared position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly fair to no better than moderate. The market tone was no better than steady on the 2.5 pound birds, but steady to fully steady on the 3 pound and heavier sizes. In the parts market, boneless-skinless breasts remained fully adequate, and bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat items were generally adequate and interest in wings continued to taper.

DELMARVA Movement of ready -to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fair or about moderate and continued to center on the balanced to closely cleared supply of 3.0 and 3.5 pound sizes. Other sizes ranged adequate to ample for the limited buyer interest. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed and irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, all items were sufficient for immediate needs. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	52-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.88
NO. OF BOXES	12,649
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,250	105.00-200.00	140-145	146.47
TENDERLOINS	158	215.00-255.00	215-220	220.23
BREAST - LINE RUN	185	72.00-78.00	72-74	74.92
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	46	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	897	24.00-27.50	24-25	26.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,120	26.00-30.00	27-28	27.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	272	70.00-76.00	70-72	71.81
WINGS (CUT)	578	81.00-102.00	85-88	86.80
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	46	65.00-80.00	-	66.96

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR OCTOBER 31, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
48.00 - 53.25	50.46

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	812	108.00-200.00	145-150	152.04
TENDERLOINS	171	215.00-255.00	215	219.83
BREAST - LINE RUN	109	72.00-74.00	-	72.77
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	46	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	287	24.00-29.50	24-26	25.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,159	26.00-30.00	27-28	27.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	68.00-72.00	69-70	71.17
WINGS (CUT)	493	85.00-101.00	85-88	86.59
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 01, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.50 - 54.25	50.95	49.93

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate at best, and dealers were attempting to keep inventories closely balanced in anticipation of the seasonal items entering the market. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate to available, and bone-in breasts were usually adequate to balanced at times. Dark meat items were at least adequate and wings were generally sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about fair to no better than moderate. The market tone was about steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	123.30	788,270
TENDERLOINS	185-190	210.11	207,730
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	69.38	418,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	66.84	225,200
LEGS	35-36	38.57	305,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	28.58	646,915
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.32	228,980
THIGHS	30-31	32.62	272,900
B/S THIGHS	76-77	79.30	48,580
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	79.75	372,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	102,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.81	84,290
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.69	115,730

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	124.25	720,510
TENDERLOINS	185-190	209.27	161,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	71.09	318,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	66.95	351,600
LEGS	35-36	39.78	252,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	28.06	589,411
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.26	269,860
THIGHS	30-31	35.30	222,080
B/S THIGHS	76-77	79.06	58,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	79.93	388,379
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.92	100,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.05	85,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.95	110,440

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/01	10/31	10/30	10/27	10/25
ALA	3,971	3,966	3,948	3,898	4.90
ARK	5,273	5,219	5,124	5,490	4.87
DELMARVA	2,309	2,295	2,265	2,219	5.11
KY-LA-TN	1,959	1,964	1,953	1,924	4.53
MISS	2,790	2,792	2,843	3,248	5.09
NC	2,658	2,589	2,427	2,607	6.00
TEXAS	2,369	2,334	2,322	2,283	4.90
TOTAL	21,329	21,159	20,882	21,669	5.11
MON-WED63,597(A)					4.97
					20,373
					5.09
					60,726 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Nov 00

is estimated to be 31,911,000 up 2.37 percent from a week

ago and up 6.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,019,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 102-103
	ICE PACK 92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-112
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94
	DRY PACK 94
DUCKS	149-165

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV-4-00

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/4/00 (1)	10/28/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	

BRO-FRY	159,331 (2)	160,185
LT HENS	1,890	1,749
HVY HENS	1,432	1,509
CHECK TOTAL	162,653	163,443

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Nov-00 is 150.2 million head compared to 156.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.7 million head or 9.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 11-Nov-00 the estimated available is 147.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 30-Oct-00	151,731	72,326
AM 1-Oct-00	156,571	69,164
CHG	-4,840	3,162
PCT CHG	-3	5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/30/00	10/23/00	11/2/99	10/30/00	10/23/00	11/2/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	17,763	18,856	29,982	8,812	9,129	9,604
LOS						
ANGELES	264	239	897	2,525	2,701	652

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/31/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.95	.65	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.50	.75	.61	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.65	1.20	.83	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.40	1.35	.79	BANTAMS ea.	.25	2.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.65	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.55	.70	.61	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.35	-
PULLETS lb.	-	1.10	-	PULLETS ea.	4.50	6.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	1.60	1.22	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	5.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	.30	-	GEESE ea.	-	7.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	.70	.75	.72	TURKEYS ea.	3.00	12.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.20	.84	DUCKS ea.	2.50	5.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.10	.89	RABBITS ea.	1.00	1.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	6.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	5.75	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.00	-				

TOTAL COOPS 174

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 2000

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-65

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 27, 2000

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	44.77	131.95	70.69	14.14	14.14	40.06
High	47.69	141.38	75.40	18.85	18.85	40.06
Mostly	47.69	131.95	70.69	14.14	18.85	40.06
SAN JUAN						
Low	46.18	122.53	75.40	21.21	14.14	40.06
High	50.33	141.38	94.25	28.28	21.21	40.06
Mostly	47.13	127.24	82.47	23.56	18.85	40.06
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	44.30	122.53	65.98	14.14	14.14	37.70
High	47.13	141.38	75.40	18.85	18.85	37.70
Mostly	46.09	131.95	70.69	14.14	14.14	37.70
BECERRA						
Low	46.09	127.24	75.40	21.21	14.14	42.41
High	51.84	146.09	94.25	30.63	23.56	42.41
Mostly	46.66	136.67	84.83	23.56	18.85	42.41

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